

REMARKS

Restriction/Election

In response to the Election Requirement, requiring election between:

Species I: FIGs. 1 – 2,

Species II: FIGs. 3 – 4,

Species III: FIGs. 5 – 6,

Species IV: FIGs. 7 – 8,

Species V: FIGs. 9 – 10, or

Species VI: FIGs. 11 – 12,

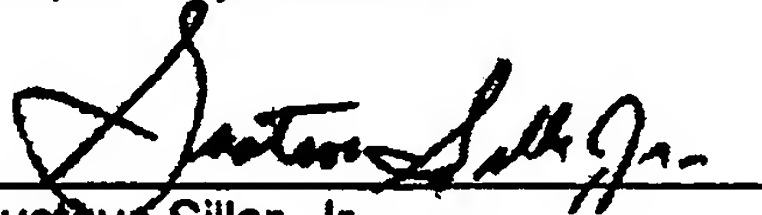
Applicants elect, Species I: drawn to a bottom type spin-valve and synthetic ferri-pinned structure, corresponding to Claims 1 -24. Applicant agrees that at least Claims 1 and 13 are generic.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons presented above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gustavo Siller, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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